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ROLE OF MPS IN CENTRALLY SPONSORED DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the role of Members of Parliament in the Centrally sponsored development schemes to be implemented in the States;

(b) the number of schemes in operation for the development of the States;

(c) whether the State Government of Punjab has sought the recommendations and suggestions of certain MPs in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the action proposed to be taken against the persons found guilty in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) There are a number of Centrally Sponsored Development Schemes in operation in the States/UTs which are administered by various Ministries of the Central Government. Under these Schemes, funds are either directly given to the State/UT Government or to the District Authorities. The role of Members of Parliament in these Schemes also varies. For example (1) in case of Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme

(MPLADS), which is administered by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, MPs are required to recommend eligible works of development nature for implementation by the District Authorities. They are also involved in the monitoring and inspection of the works under the Scheme. (2) As regards Schemes of Ministry of Rural Development, the Members of Parliament are involved in approval of the Action Plan of the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs)/Zilla Parishads (ZPs). Also, the Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha) have been nominated as Chairman/Co-Chairman of the District Level, Vigilance and Monitoring Committees.

(b) As per the information available with the Planning Commission, the total number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes in operation during 2006-07 is 155.

(c)&(d)As per the information provided by the State Government of Punjab, the recommendations and suggestions of MPs are not sought specifically for Centrally Sponsored Schemes in operation in that State. However, they have three kinds of roles as mentioned below:

I. MPLAD Scheme is cent percent Centrally sponsored scheme and entire money is released on the recommendations of MPs themselves.

II.Ministry of Rural Development has re-constituted District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees with Lok Sabha MP as chairman for Rural Development Programmes in all districts of Punjab.

III.There are some other Centrally sponsored schemes like Swaran Jayanti Gram Swa Rozgar Yojana, Integrated Wasteland Development Programme, Indira Awas Yojana, Sampooran Grameen Rozgar Yojana, National Old Age Pension and Nutrition in respect of which the funds are released by the State Government through the District Planning & Development Boards (DP&DBs). All Members of Parliament are ex-officio members of these Boards. The District Boards not only sanction funds for various schemes but they also monitor the utilization and implementation of the schemes.

(e) Does not arise.